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for current collectors and Connectors in Lead-Acid Batteries

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Please replace the paragraph on page 5, beginning at line 24 and ending on page 5, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

—It is an object of this invention to provide a method for making current collectors from lead and lead-alloyed with at least one element selected from the group of Ag, Al, As, Ba, Bi, Ca, Cd, Cu, Fe, Li, Mg, Na, Se, Sb, Sn, Sr, and Zn utilizing gravity or continuous casting; casting a billet followed by extrusion and/or rolling, and if desired suitably perforating the strip e.g. by expansion or punching. In its final form the current collector can be a bookmold grid, a tubular grid, a foil or sheet, a

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